

DIVIDING THE RAINMENT.

THOSE WHO DREW THE PRIZES AT THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Machine State Goes Through Without a Scratch to Mar. 16—Action on the Fire Department Chief Postponed for Two Weeks Longer.

Twenty-seven of the twenty-eight Republican members of city councils, who will assume the duties of office on the first Monday of April, met in caucus on Saturday night, in common council chamber, and nominated city officers for the ensuing year. Amos Urban, select councilman from the Fourth ward, who was a supporter of the independent ticket at the late election, was the absentee. The following, all of whom were on the slate of the city ring, who have been running the affairs of the city for the last few years, were the successful candidates:

City Treasurer—Layton F. Myers. Superintendent of Water Works—Jacob Halbach. Street Commissioner—Jacob Bertz. City Solicitor—J. W. Johnson. City Registrar—Allen A. Herr. Assistant Regulators—Isaac Hubley and Robert Albright.

Messages—John L. Locks.

BEFORE THE CAUCUS. The caucus was called for 8 o'clock, but for an hour before that time the candidates for the several offices were on hand and were deployed in skirmish lines from Hirsch's corner, around the square to West King street and along that street to Hirsch's drug store. It was amusing to watch the several members of council trying to elude the candidates, all of whom had a last appeal to make, to convince the member that they were the proper persons to select for the offices for which they were candidates.

The most conspicuous candidate was Sam Cox, of the Third ward. In his own mind he was the coming street commissioner and whenever he could get a listener he would detail to him the names of all the councilmen who had promised to vote for him. The number he counted on was not more than four votes on any one ballot and Sam by this time has concluded that there were twelve less. No sure was of his opinion that he was telling John B. Smith, who was next to him, how he would lay his crossings, objecting to the manner in which Commissioner Deen did his work. Smith next gave Cox his ideas, practical and impractical, and that Sam could build a good horse out for the city, which was doubtful. He did not know anything about street work. Smith next gave Cox his ideas how street crossings ought to be laid, and a disinterested party who listened to the talk of the two statesmen, who were in discussion, nutting something that sounded like neither of them knowing anything about city work and that it wasn't probable that either would be called on to carry out the city's streets this year, but maybe some other year.

AWAITING THE RETURNS. By 8 o'clock all the members were on hand except Urban, who was absent. The members of the caucus were the ward workers of the ward, and some of the little bosses of the several wards adjourned to Cuba Myers' restaurant while the members were in caucus. Mentzer, one of the little bosses, had a number of counsel this year, and he had the advantage of Boss Sensing and McMillen. Neither Sensing nor McMillen put in an appearance. The caucus was adjourned at 10 o'clock, and the members were to be met at the primary elections and over the others they had no influence.

A thriving business was done at the bar while the little bosses and ward workers discussed the chances of the several applicants. The party was in the club at 10 o'clock and there was always one in each group who called for the drinks as often as the boys got dry. Pete Fordney evidently carried the ball in this respect, for he kept these two men inebriated during the evening. Pete probably convinced the chairman that he was a supporter of the machine ticket in the Fourth ward at the last election. Among the other notables present during the evening were Lewis Hartman, Buck Lehigh, George Leonard, the late Mayor Spurrer, Wendel, Jake Price, Ad Musky, Johnny Potts and Eph. Shaub.

A LITTLE UNPLEASANTNESS. Hogg's Leonard is a warm supporter of Bob McDonnell, a candidate for chief engineer of the fire department, and Buck Lehigh favors Harry Shaub. When these two little bosses—Buck and Hogg—met (in front of the bar) Hogg asserted that the Third ward members were for Buck, but he was going to refuse him, because he had made them their councilmen. This bold statement brought forth a disclaimer from Buck, who then and there in the presence of the other members of all, proclaimed that Hogg was a "sucker," that he never was able to do anything political in the ward, and that he was going to do it for Hogg unless he was paid. Hogg retorted by charging that Buck had received \$50 from Boss Levi to accomplish a certain feat on Buck that he was going to do, but he refused him, because he had made them their councilmen. This bold statement brought forth a disclaimer from Buck, who then and there in the presence of the other members of all, proclaimed that Hogg was a "sucker," that he never was able to do anything political in the ward, and that he was going to do it for Hogg unless he was paid. Hogg retorted by charging that Buck had received \$50 from Boss Levi to accomplish a certain feat on Buck that he was going to do, but he refused him, because he had made them their councilmen.

THE CIVIL SERVICE. Commissioner Eaton confident that the laws will be faithfully observed. Norman B. Eaton, president of the civil service commission, in response to an inquiry as to the progress of the civil service law, said to an Associated Press reporter: "The rules are being regularly filled under the law. There is not the least sign of the examinations being arrested or of the rules being violated. The law is being carried out as closely as possible. An increased appropriation for carrying on the work of the commission from July 1, 1885 to July 1, 1886, it is known that the commission will have to make a report on the work of the commission to go on. That work does go on regularly and it is sure that it will be carried out as closely as possible. An increased appropriation for carrying on the work of the commission from July 1, 1885 to July 1, 1886, it is known that the commission will have to make a report on the work of the commission to go on. That work does go on regularly and it is sure that it will be carried out as closely as possible.

FOR BOSS OF THE THIRD WARD. One to be voted for. Harry Hartley, Fifth ward. Menno Wenger, Second ward. Frank Harris, Fourth ward. John Deistler, Seventh ward. John F. Stauffer, Second ward. It took seven ballots to decide this office. All of the above candidates received votes in the first few ballots except Deistler, Smith and Harris. The fight narrowed down on the last ballot to Jacob Bertz, Jacob Greenwood and Harry Hartley, and the vote on that ballot was as follows:

Jacob Bertz, Sixth ward, 16. Harry Hartley, Fifth ward, 15. Menno Wenger, Second ward, 14. Frank Harris, Fourth ward, 13. John Deistler, Seventh ward, 12. John F. Stauffer, Second ward, 11. The next officer voted for was city solicitor for which there were three candidates: H. K. Fulton, the present incumbent, J. W. Johnson, who was ousted out of the office last year by Fulton, and John W. Denlinger, assistant city solicitor. Three ballots were required to decide this contest and Johnson won by a vote of 17 to 10 cast for Denlinger.

For assistant regulators the candidates were Isaac Hubley, Robert Albright, Joseph Brantland, George Ashley and Jacob Walz. Albright and Hubley were the successful candidates. For messenger, John C. Graham was a candidate against John L. Locks, but Locks won by a vote of 25 to 2.

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POSTPONING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT QUESTION TO A LATER DATE.

This completed the list of city officers with the exception of chief engineer of the fire department. It was not deemed prudent to decide the question as to who should be the chief by caucus and the members present resolved themselves into a conference committee on the subject. The question as to whether a Republican should not be placed in nomination for the office again Harry N. Howell, Mr. Beard favored the independent ticket. Mr. Howell and Mr. Riddle opposed it. The latter said it was still several weeks until council would meet to nominate a chief engineer, and there was nothing to be done by the time it was finally decided by a vote of 15 to 12 to place candidates in nomination and let the matter rest until the next election. The following were then placed in nomination: H. K. Fulton, Second ward, 16. John N. Breeman, Third ward, 15. Robert Shaub, Fourth ward, 14. Harry Hartley, Fifth ward, 13. Menno Wenger, Second ward, 12.

MEMBERS OF COMMON COUNCIL MET IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE JOINT CAUCUS AND SELECTED HERVEY N. HURST PRESIDENT AND JACOB M. CHILIAS CLERK FOR THE ENSUING YEAR BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SELECT COUNCIL CAUCUS. Robert A. Evans was elected president of select council by a unanimous vote of the select year, but when it came to nominate a clerk there was trouble. For the office of clerk the following were in nomination: Alderman J. K. Barr, Third ward, 16. John W. Denlinger, Sixth ward, 15. Sam Cox, Third ward, 14. On the first three ballots all of the candidates received two votes. On the fourth ballot the vote stood, Barr 1, Denlinger 3 and Cox 2. The members of council who were withdrawn after this ballot, and the next ballot stood, Denlinger 3, Smith 3. A few other ballots were taken with the same result, and the members of council finally agreed to elect their next meeting.

THE OLD WAGES RESTORED. A noteworthy victory won by the Western strikers in the history of railroad strikes in the West the strikers have scored a noteworthy victory, and this after a long strike in which neither violence nor intimidation was used. On Saturday the tracks of the Western Railway were struck by the city and its score of connecting lines were covered with freight trains, which have been lying idle for weeks.

Sunday afternoon, when the railroad companies sent out word of their capitulation, the strikers rolled up their sleeves and went to work with a will. The working of the railway officials and the state representatives of Texas and Kansas brought about this result. Governor Martin and the state board of railroad commissioners, who were sent from Topeka to help bring about a settlement, but they didn't come until they were given positive assurance that General Manager of the Western Railway would discuss the question in all its details and negotiate terms.

THE WAREHOUSE BURNING AND OTHER PROPERTY OF S. BLETZ IN FLAMES—LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$12,000 TO \$15,000—NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS. The Warehouse, Planning Mill and Other Property of S. Bletz in flames—Loss Estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000—Number of Accidents.

Regular Correspondence of INTELLIGENCER. COLUMBIA, March 16.—The dull tolling of bells and the shrill whistling of P. R. R. engines awoke the echoes in Columbia about 11 o'clock Sunday morning, and soon the heavens were lit up with a lurid glow over the southern portion of the borough. "Bletz's saw-mill is on fire," was the word sent to the scores of citizens in the northern portion of our borough, as half dressed they ran about in an excited manner. The report was verified by a bright glow over the saw-mill, toward Front street, below Mill, where the building was in flames.

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Funeral of Daniel B. Ertman. The funeral of the late Daniel B. Ertman, who died in Nebraska, took place from his mother's residence on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Representatives of our two Grand Army Posts and of the several lodges of Odd Fellows of this city were present. The interment was made at Lancaster cemetery.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS. The court refused to allow the guardian account in the estate of Susan E. Stauffer to be filed, because the guardian charged \$75 commission in an estate of \$25,000. James Means, Harry C. Hall and E. M. Waller, executors of the estate of John Eberly, were discharged this morning by taking the benefit of the insolvent act. A rule granted on Elmer Reiter to show cause why he should not be appointed guardian of the minor children of the late John Reiter, who died in the late election in Earl township should not be investigated. The returns of Reiter as one of the supervisors of that township, by the petition of Lawrence C. Zamm, guardian of the late John Reiter, were granted to ascertain the amount of issues sustained by Philip Kniffman, guardian of the late John Reiter, and Agnes Kelly and Philip Dietz, by reason of the opening of the estate of John Reiter, late of Earl township, by the petition of Lawrence C. Zamm, guardian of the late John Reiter.

DIVORCES WANTED. The following applications for divorce were made in the court: Acquilla Schaeffer vs. Nathaniel Schaeffer, desertion. Anna W. Hatz vs. Charles Hatz, desertion. Anna M. Bar vs. Cyrus C. Bar, desertion and cruel treatment. Christiana A. Bear vs. Christian Bear, desertion. Mary Eisenstein vs. Bernhard Eisenstein, cruel treatment.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE. After Much Discussion the Primaries Fixed for June 6th—Assessing Candidates. The Republican county committee met at 11 o'clock this morning in the Central Republican room to fix the time for the Republican primary election. The following substitutes were elected to fill vacancies in the committee: Northwest—J. B. Eshelman. Northeast—M. E. Fry. Northwest—Henry S. Copenholder. A motion was made to fix Saturday, the 22d of May, as the day for holding the primary. Mr. W. Johnson moved an amendment to the 30th of May, and Al. Stober the second Saturday in June. The latter named day was adopted by a large majority, and whereupon ex-Sheriff Strine proposed Saturday, the 6th of June, which was carried by a vote of 29 to 18.

MURDER AND LYNCHING. A Young Negro Assassin in West Virginia Quickly Answers for His Crime. News has reached Wheeling, W. Va., of another unprovoked and cold-blooded murder, swiftly followed this time by a summary execution. The victim was a young man, Judge Lynch, in Princeton, Mercer county, West Virginia, in the extreme Southern part of the state. The murderer was a young colored man, named John P. Perry, who had been about 18 years, and his victim John Perry, a well-known and respected citizen. Perry was proceeding along a road near Princeton when he was overtaken by Judge Lynch, who had concealed in a clump of laurel bushes in a lonely spot, fired on him with a rifle, the ball striking Perry in the breast and killing him instantly. The body of the murdered man was found several days in a pool of blood, and a part of the clothing and walked off.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN TEXAS. Sunday morning's east-bound passenger train on the Texas & Pacific was wrecked on a mile and a half from Dallas, Tex., by the giving away of a bridge that had been reduced to a skeleton by a heavy storm. The engine and the baggage and mail cars fell nearly twenty feet, but the passenger cars were not derailed. The list of casualties follows: G. J. Holbeck, fireman, of Pittsburg, Pa., killed; J. Joseph, nativity unknown, not dead; the list of casualties includes Stewart, mail agent of Texas, injured about the spine and shoulders; Woodruff, baggage master, of Texas, leg broken.

List of Unclaimed Letters. The following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending March 16, 1885: Ladies List: Mrs. Fannie Conroy, Miss Kate Polz, Miss Mary C. Fox, Miss Fannie Hess, Miss Maggie Fallow, Miss Maggie Johnson, Miss Florence Lanco, Miss Ellen Miller, Miss M. Montgomery, Mrs. Sules, Mrs. Sarah Warner. Gent's List: Gust Bunzel, James Coyal, Thomas Donoghue, John H. Hower, Benjamin H. Hower, Walter Kloss, James Myers, Geo. V. Souise, W. U. Shirle, Messrs. Shalt, David S. Shopf, Benj. B. Stauffer, Daniel Walborn.

A DUDE'S BOLD ACT.

ENTERING THE ROOM OF A LADY IN A BALTIMORE HOTEL AT MIDNIGHT.

An audacious attempt to dishonor a well-known and highly respectable lady was made at the Hotel Albion, corner of Cathedral and Richmond streets, Baltimore, at an early hour this morning. On Saturday a young man named Graham Peare, son of the late Judge Peare, of the Maryland court of appeals, wrote a note to Mrs. Kirkland, who is also a guest at the Albion, requesting her to meet him in the private parlor at 8 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Kirkland declined to do so, and became indignant at the insult. About 1 o'clock Sunday morning she was awakened by a knock at her door. She at once made an outcry, and upon looking into the covered young Peare lying from her room. The occupants of the house were aroused and the door opened. Mrs. Peare, who had found the door locked on the inside, the door was forced open and the room found vacant. An investigation was then made, and it was ascertained that Peare had got out of his window, crawled along the heavy cornice and effected an entrance to Mrs. Kirkland's room by her window. Later a letter was given Mrs. Kirkland by a colored waiter, which was written by Peare, in which he asked Mrs. Kirkland to leave her bedroom door open, so he could come in after he returned from the opera. This last note was not delivered to the lady until this morning, after the door had been attempted. Young Peare, on finding he was recognized, fled from the hotel and went to his home in Combsville. The affair has created much excitement in Kirkland, about 35 years old and the daughter of a well-known merchant. She has been separated from her husband for about a year, and has applied for a divorce. She is a widow, and her husband was a well-known merchant. She has been separated from her husband for about a year, and has applied for a divorce. She is a widow, and her husband was a well-known merchant.

THE PRESIDENT'S VISITORS. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Among the president's callers to-day, were Henry Ward Beecher, Vice President Hendricks, Secretary Bayard, Senator Charles Sumner, Secretary of the Interior, General Sherman, B. F. Meyers, of Harrisburg, Pa., and a large number of other distinguished persons. The Boomer to Return to their Old Quarters. WASHINGTON, March 16.—General Sheridan received a telegram from General Hatch this morning, stating that upon the receipt of the president's proclamation, concerning the Oklahoma lands, most of those preparing to invade the Indian territory decided to return home. No Truth in a Rumor. WASHINGTON, March 16.—It is authoritatively learned that there is no truth in the report, published in a Paris newspaper, that the Chinese government has asked mediation of the United States with France. Fairchild at His Post of Duty. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Fairchild to-day received from the duties as assistant secretary of the treasury. He received the heads of the bureaus and chiefs of the divisions about noon. CAPITAL AND LABOR. A Manucript Will Resumes Work and a Manifesto of the Strikers Return. PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The Economy mills of Seville, Schofield, Son & Co., at Manayunk, which have been closed for some time past, owing to a strike among the operators against reduction of wages, started up again to-day, and the majority of the hands returned to work. Several days ago a committee of the strikers conferred with the senior member of the firm, and the matter in dispute was freely discussed. Mr. Schofield submitted a plan to the committee by which he agreed to pay the strikers the same rate of wages as they received before the last proposed reduction which led to the inauguration of the strike. This was accepted by the strikers and they returned to work to-day. Proposed Reduction in Furnace-Men's Wages. DENVER, Col., Mar. 16.—After running several months on short time the coal managers of the Colorado Coal and Iron company's works at Bessemer, announce a reduction in wages of Bessemer-men from 5 to 15 per cent. This will take effect on April 1st. This offer will mean a strike, which has cost the Pittsburg scale, but a difference in the cost of living. The men have not yet signified their intention of accepting the reduction. OBJECTING TO BARRIS DECREE. San Salvador Will Strongly Resist the Scheme With Her Soldiers. LIBERTAD, San Salvador, March 16.—The decree issued by Barris on February 25, proclaiming the confederation of the Central American states, was kept a secret and was not brought to the knowledge of the other four republics. March 16th it created the greatest indignation. On March 14 the Congress of San Salvador authorized the government to employ all possible means for the defense of the country, which it proclaimed in a state of siege, and account of the attitude of the other four republics, which it created the greatest indignation. On March 14 the Congress of San Salvador authorized the government to employ all possible means for the defense of the country, which it proclaimed in a state of siege, and account of the attitude of the other four republics, which it created the greatest indignation. On March 14 the Congress of San Salvador authorized the government to employ all possible means for the defense of the country, which it proclaimed in a state of siege, and account of the attitude of the other four republics, which it created the greatest indignation.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS. The court refused to allow the guardian account in the estate of Susan E. Stauffer to be filed, because the guardian charged \$75 commission in an estate of \$25,000. James Means, Harry C. Hall and E. M. Waller, executors of the estate of John Eberly, were discharged this morning by taking the benefit of the insolvent act. A rule granted on Elmer Reiter to show cause why he should not be appointed guardian of the minor children of the late John Reiter, who died in the late election in Earl township should not be investigated. The returns of Reiter as one of the supervisors of that township, by the petition of Lawrence C. Zamm, guardian of the late John Reiter, were granted to ascertain the amount of issues sustained by Philip Kniffman, guardian of the late John Reiter, and Agnes Kelly and Philip Dietz, by reason of the opening of the estate of John Reiter, late of Earl township, by the petition of Lawrence C. Zamm, guardian of the late John Reiter.

DIVORCES WANTED. The following applications for divorce were made in the court: Acquilla Schaeffer vs. Nathaniel Schaeffer, desertion. Anna W. Hatz vs. Charles Hatz, desertion. Anna M. Bar vs. Cyrus C. Bar, desertion and cruel treatment. Christiana A. Bear vs. Christian Bear, desertion. Mary Eisenstein vs. Bernhard Eisenstein, cruel treatment.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE. After Much Discussion the Primaries Fixed for June 6th—Assessing Candidates. The Republican county committee met at 11 o'clock this morning in the Central Republican room to fix the time for the Republican primary election. The following substitutes were elected to fill vacancies in the committee: Northwest—J. B. Eshelman. Northeast—M. E. Fry. Northwest—Henry S. Copenholder. A motion was made to fix Saturday, the 22d of May, as the day for holding the primary. Mr. W. Johnson moved an amendment to the 30th of May, and Al. Stober the second Saturday in June. The latter named day was adopted by a large majority, and whereupon ex-Sheriff Strine proposed Saturday, the 6th of June, which was carried by a vote of 29 to 18.

MURDER AND LYNCHING. A Young Negro Assassin in West Virginia Quickly Answers for His Crime. News has reached Wheeling, W. Va., of another unprovoked and cold-blooded murder, swiftly followed this time by a summary execution. The victim was a young man, Judge Lynch, in Princeton, Mercer county, West Virginia, in the extreme Southern part of the state. The murderer was a young colored man, named John P. Perry, who had been about 18 years, and his victim John Perry, a well-known and respected citizen. Perry was proceeding along a road near Princeton when he was overtaken by Judge Lynch, who had concealed in a clump of laurel bushes in a lonely spot, fired on him with a rifle, the ball striking Perry in the breast and killing him instantly. The body of the murdered man was found several days in a pool of blood, and a part of the clothing and walked off.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN TEXAS. Sunday morning's east-bound passenger train on the Texas & Pacific was wrecked on a mile and a half from Dallas, Tex., by the giving away of a bridge that had been reduced to a skeleton by a heavy storm. The engine and the baggage and mail cars fell nearly twenty feet, but the passenger cars were not derailed. The list of casualties follows: G. J. Holbeck, fireman, of Pittsburg, Pa., killed; J. Joseph, nativity unknown, not dead; the list of casualties includes Stewart, mail agent of Texas, injured about the spine and shoulders; Woodruff, baggage master, of Texas, leg broken.

List of Unclaimed Letters. The following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending March 16, 1885: Ladies List: Mrs. Fannie Conroy, Miss Kate Polz, Miss Mary C. Fox, Miss Fannie Hess, Miss Maggie Fallow, Miss Maggie Johnson, Miss Florence Lanco, Miss Ellen Miller, Miss M. Montgomery, Mrs. Sules, Mrs. Sarah Warner. Gent's List: Gust Bunzel, James Coyal, Thomas Donoghue, John H. Hower, Benjamin H. Hower, Walter Kloss, James Myers, Geo. V. Souise, W. U. Shirle, Messrs. Shalt, David S. Shopf, Benj. B. Stauffer, Daniel Walborn.

THE BACKBONE RESOLUTION,

OFFERED BY VAN WYCK, AGAIN BEFORE THE SENATE.

Senator Eastin Characterizes the Grant as Illegal and Fraudulent—The President's Nomination of Joseph S. Miller for Commissioner of Revenue. WASHINGTON, March 16.—[Senate.]—Blair offered a resolution continuing the investigation of the differences between capital and labor, but it was under objection laid over until to-morrow. Van Wyck's backbone resolution was then laid before the Senate and Francis Pickens made a speech upon it. He denied that the title to the land was a legal one and that the grant was illegal and fraudulent.

Nominate Commissioner of Revenue. WASHINGTON, March 16.—The president to-day nominated Joseph B. Miller, of West Virginia, to be commissioner of revenue. The President's Visitors. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Among the president's callers to-day, were Henry Ward Beecher, Vice President Hendricks, Secretary Bayard, Senator Charles Sumner, Secretary of the Interior, General Sherman, B. F. Meyers, of Harrisburg, Pa., and a large number of other distinguished persons. The Boomer to Return to their Old Quarters. WASHINGTON, March 16.—General Sheridan received a telegram from General Hatch this morning, stating that upon the receipt of the president's proclamation, concerning the Oklahoma lands, most of those preparing to invade the Indian territory decided to return home. No Truth in a Rumor. WASHINGTON, March 16.—It is authoritatively learned that there is no truth in the report, published in a Paris newspaper, that the Chinese government has asked mediation of the United States with France. Fairchild at His Post of Duty. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Fairchild to-day received from the duties as assistant secretary of the treasury. He received the heads of the bureaus and chiefs of the divisions about noon. CAPITAL AND LABOR. A Manucript Will Resumes Work and a Manifesto of the Strikers Return. PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The Economy mills of Seville, Schofield, Son & Co., at Manayunk, which have been closed for some time past, owing to a strike among the operators against reduction of wages, started up again to-day, and the majority of the hands returned to work. Several days ago a committee of the strikers conferred with the senior member of the firm, and the matter in dispute was freely discussed. Mr. Schofield submitted a plan to the committee by which he agreed to pay the strikers the same rate of wages as they received before the last proposed reduction which led to the inauguration of the strike. This was accepted by the strikers and they returned to work to-day. Proposed Reduction in Furnace-Men's Wages. DENVER, Col., Mar. 16.—After running several months on short time the coal managers of the Colorado Coal and Iron company's works at Bessemer, announce a reduction in wages of Bessemer-men from 5 to 15 per cent. This will take effect on April 1st. This offer will mean a strike, which has cost the Pittsburg scale, but a difference in the cost of living. The men have not yet signified their intention of accepting the reduction. OBJECTING TO BARRIS DECREE. San Salvador Will Strongly Resist the Scheme With Her Soldiers. LIBERTAD, San Salvador,